

*"Healthy Neighborhoods are places where the community manages the day to day life of the neighborhood to successful outcomes. They are places where it makes sense to invest time, energy, and money."*

- Charles Buki

## Looking Good Greater Norview

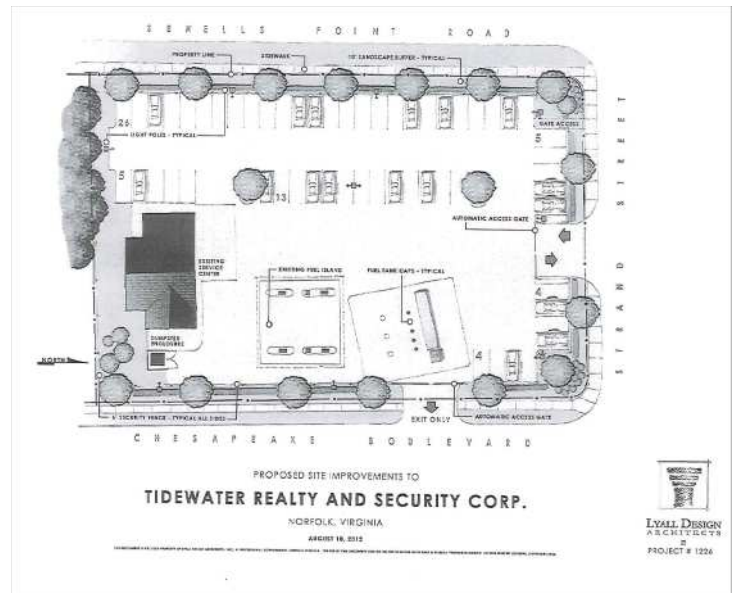
### Neighborhood Spotlight:

- **Five Points Pop Up Event.** Inspired by a Better Block video on YouTube, the Five Points Partnership held a pop-up event on September 15th in the vacant lot behind Chanello's Pizza. It featured art, live music, a busker, a food truck, and of course fresh produce from the farmers' market.
- **The Front Porch Neighborhood Summit.** Several individuals from Greater Norview attended the Neighborhood Summit on September 22 at City Hall. It was an opportunity for residents to show off their neighborhoods and to network with other neighborhood leaders. Awards were presented, and the new mermaid was unveiled.
- **6242 Sewells Point Road Purchase.** Vice Mayor Burfoot is pleased to announce that City Council approved the purchase of 6242 Sewells Point Road. The acquisition of this property will enable the City to assist with the overall renewal efforts within the Norview/Five Points area. The *Five Points Community Streetscape Master Plan* identifies an overall lack of parking as an issue and recommends acquiring additional right of way to permit additional sidewalks/planting areas along Sewells Point Road. This property is just north of the Fresh Pride.



## Neighborhood Spotlights:

- Black and White Cab.** The cab company's plans to expand and to improve their property's appearance was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission. City Council scheduled it for a Public Hearing.
- Oakmont North.** NRHA is in the preliminary stages of improving and expanding Oakmont North to provide additional affordable family rental housing. If plans are approved, the park area would also be redesigned, reconfigured, and rehabilitated. More information will follow at the January task force meeting.
- Hurricane Sandy.** The City of Norfolk was fortunate to have minimum damage from Hurricane Sandy. Residents, however, can be very proud and thankful for the Police, Fire/Rescue, Emergency Operations staff, Public Works, and other employees who worked 12 to 16 hour shifts away from their families during the storm to manage, prepare, and be ready for whatever the storm would bring.



Preliminary design for Oakmont North addition







# Greater Norview Task Force Meeting MINUTES Wednesday, September 12, 2012, 6:00 p.m. Norview Community Center

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The following people were present:

Angelia Williams	Anne Odell	Lt. Squyres
Officer Mendoza	Officer Ostulano	Officer Gregory
Rose Armour	Penny Brower	Rick James
Carolyn Brown	John Morsberger	Bev Sell
Judy Swystun	Garnzie West	Larry Hoots
Margaret Hoots	Susan Pollock	Anthony Triplin
Paul Trahadas	Shirley Wright	Brenda Seadrow
Earl Fraley	Michael Sullivan	Sarah Sterzing
Jerry Hollobaugh	Tracy Clark	Nicole Knudson
Jackie Rochelle	Bob Batchter	Michael Scaglione
Yvette Alexander	Art Hill	Jim Herbst

The meeting was chaired by Anne Odell.

## **1. Police Report and Alexander Street Strategy**

Lt. Squyres introduced himself as the new sector Lieutenant and described his background and his concern for the Greater Norview Community. He then presented efforts to reduce crime and improve the image of Alexander Street and surrounding area:

- Form a plan with Waste Management to address bulk waste violations and to clean up the trash.
- Work with Neighborhood Quality to address litter, codes, and grass cutting.
- Conduct multi-departmental sweeps of the area.
- Use police officers to better engage the community and to talk with residents.
- Increase the visible police presence in the area including around the schools.

- Continue discussions with the construction company working on the I-64 Norview ramp to treat that section of Norview Avenue as a gateway into the community and improve its appearance.
- Rigorously enforce truancy and curfew.
- Encourage the good residents.

Lt. Squyres also addressed ideas previously recommended. The police do not support making Alexander Street a one-way street. Transportation engineers agreed that it would hinder police response more than criminal activity. They investigated the use of cameras which would cost between \$8000 to \$10,000 per camera. He does not believe the expense would be the best use of those funds.

Community members complimented the police and CROs Gregory, Mendoza, and Ostulano for their hard work. They also complimented the City's CARE number (664-6510) and promoted its use as a valuable tool. Residents identified speeding on Widgeon Road and Norview Avenue as concerns. Another group member identified litter outside the Dollar General and laundry mat as a problem.

## **2. Neighborhood/City Partnership Projects.**

A discussion began about projects that the neighborhood and City could undertake together. Three projects were mentioned.

**A. Alexander Street Clean Up and Involvement.** Garnzie West suggested that the group and area residents should come together and do a neighborhood clean up of Alexander Street. Residents also suggested doing a community day event with the Police Department to build relationships such as bringing out the Chief for introductions. Meetings should be held at the church on Alexander Street rather than at the Community Center.

**B. Financial Literacy Class.** Tracy Clark of E. Oak Financial Services discussed her business and offered to provide a financial literacy class for residents in the Alexander Street area.

**C. Public Works Projects.** Community members shared that drainage areas can sometimes be a nuisance and attract waste. It would be beneficial to neighbors to install culverts. Others identified sidewalk, curb and gutters as valuable improvements. Councilwoman Williams and senior City staff noted that many of these projects must be included in the annual budget, but can sometimes be broken down into smaller, block size projects. Community members were asked to identify and help prioritize a list of suggested projects and give it to their Neighborhood Development Specialist (Jim Herbst). City staff could then determine if projects could be broken down and completed on a faster time frame. Bigger projects could be submitted for inclusion in the budget. Police have already identified the area behind Ivaloo Street as a high priority because of ongoing crime.

### **3. Black and White Taxi Expansion.**

Judy Swystun reported on her progress to expand the taxi business. Her proposed acquisition of the former Tommy Cole Valero service station has passed EPA tests and other initial requirements. She provided a professionally prepared site plan drawing for the group to examine.

Her proposed changes go before the Planning Commission on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Earl Fraley, a member of the Planning Commission and President of the Greenhill Farms Civic League, complimented Judy on the proposed changes.

Paul Trahadas, owner of the Fresh Pride and Chanello's Pizza property, reported that he is upgrading his property. Contractors will redo the parking lot. He will be replace the sign and awning. Michael Scaglione, operator of the Five Points BP and owner of the former Norview Theater, reported that he is in the process of redoing his property as well. Members applauded all the proposed improvements.

### **4. Announcements.**

**A. Granby Street Experience.** Members complimented the Granby Street Experience.

**B. Promenade Point.** Residents noted that the Promenade Point apartments construction has begun in Roland Park at the intersection of Tidewater Drive and Norview Avenue. Some residents were concerned about structural concerns. Susan Pollock, Senior Planner, communicated that all such projects go through site plan review by a team of engineers from several fields before being permitted.

**C. Yard Sales.** Norview Baptist is hosting a yard sale on September 15<sup>th</sup> to help fund the renovation of a home. The Estabrook Civic League is having a yard sale on September 22<sup>nd</sup> to help fund their building.

**D. Long-term Care Seminar.** E. Oak Financial is having a seminar on long term care on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. until noon at the Prime Plus/Norfolk Senior Center. For more information and to register call 418-0337.

**E. Five Points Urban Meadow Recognition.** The City is recognizing residents a part of the Five Points Urban Meadow project for their hard work and fourteen year commitment.

**F. Front Porch Neighborhood Summit.** The City is hosting a summit on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at City Hall to celebrate its neighborhoods.

The next meeting will be on  
**Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m**  
at the Norview Community Center